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Search for killer continues as first of three victims mourned

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- Many overcome with grief as they say goodbye to 22-year-old woman {page 02}

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In the news

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Newton was named as the fourth best place to live in the country, according to a recent survey. Money's best places to live list was posted on CNNMoney.com yesterday. The report cited the city's partnerships with universities on education. METRO

Today's local tweet

"@JonPincince If the state loses money it's because the Governor is a dunce of epic proportions, nothing I can do about that."

@GEHRIG38, FORMER RED SOX PITCHER CURT SCHILLING COMMENTING ABOUT RHODE ISLAND GOV. LINCOLN CHAFEE AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF SCHILLING'S GAMING COMPANY.

Patrick, Kerry to speak at DNC

MASSACHUSETTS. Gov. Deval Patrick and Sen. John Kerry will join U.S. Senate candidate Elizabeth Warren among Bay Staters slated to speak at the Democratic National Convention in Charlotte in September. The DNC Committee highlighted eight politicians, including Kerry and Patrick, who would speak at the convention in an announcement yesterday. SHNS

Father questions investigation

BOSTON. The father of a murdered 24-year-old Boston University grad student said he worries about the way Boston police are handling the investigation.

Kanagala Sudhakar Rao, a bank manager in India, told the Globe that police were not taking into account the clues he has given them.

His son, Kanagala Seshadri Rao, was found shot to death in Allston in April.

Boston police said an investigation can sometimes take months or years before an arrest is made. METRO

Mag names Bon Me among healthiest trucks

BOSTON. Just a few years after they came into existence in Boston, the city's food trucks are getting national recognition.

Bon Me Truck, which specializes in Vietnamese food, recently was named among the 10 healthiest food trucks in America by SHAPE magazine.

"Aside from daily protein specials, the truck always has Chinese BBQ pork, spice rubbed chicken, and tofu and shiitake mushrooms," the magazine wrote. METRO

News in pictures

Red Sox say goodbye to Johnny Pesky

Red Sox owners and players arrived by the busload yesterday at a Swampscott church for the private funeral Mass for Red Sox legend Johnny Pesky. Pesky, a former Sox player, manager and commentator, died last week at age 92.

1: The flag-draped casket of Johnny Pesky, a WWII veteran, is carried out of the church.
2: Mourners file out of the private Mass at St. John the Evangelist Parish in Swampscott.
3: John Henry, the principal owner of the Red Sox, was one of many from the organization who came out to honor No. 6.
4: Red Sox slugger David Ortiz also attended. He and Pesky were often seen sharing a laugh.

COURTNEY SACCO/METRO

'This hurts so much'

First of three women gunned down in car is laid to rest ◗ Clergy, family asks for violence to stop ◗ Mother reads letter she wrote to slain daughter

TED FITZGERALD/POOL PHOTO

▶ Speakers at Perkins' funeral urged the violence to stop.

The first of three women violently gunned down while sitting in a car last week was remembered as a "doe-eyed" young woman with "moxie and guts" during an emotional funeral service yesterday.

But clergy and family members who spoke during the burial services for 22-year-old Sharrice Perkins had a larger message for the community about ending the cycle of violence.

"We have to expose the people, call names of those who sell drugs, those who run in gangs, those who commit violent acts must be exposed to the light," said the Rev. John M. Borders III, the senior pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church in Mattapan. His message was met with applause and shouts of "Amen."

"We cannot be afraid of exposing what we know to the authorities. Flood the lines. Snitching is an act of betrayal, but truth is a moral obligation."

Perkins, Kristen Lartey and Genevieve Philip, all 22, were sitting in a car on Harlem Street on the Dorchester-Mattapan border with a fourth woman when a gunman approached them and opened fire about 9:30 p.m. Aug. 12. The fourth woman survived. Police said they've received tips, but no arrests have been made.

"We need to learn to report all suspicious activity like we report a suspicious bag of luggage at an airport."
THE REV. JOHN M. BORDERS III

Family members also implored young people to help stop the violence.

"The young people, you are our future and you need to start acting accordingly," said Perkins' aunt.

A viewing was held before the funeral started and grief overwhelmed some who attended. One man had to be held up as he became overcome with grief, while others cried uncontrollably.

Those who spoke about Perkins, who was studying engineering at Roxbury Community College, recalled her as a fashionable young woman who was mature beyond her years.

"This hurts so bad," said the mother of her godson who broke down crying while talking about Perkins.

Perkins' mother, Angela Francis, wrote a letter to her daughter after the murder.

"She gave me a lot of strength," her mother said. "I will still feel your presence just when I need you."

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News in brief

Teen threatened by alleged gunman

BOSTON. A 17-year-old boy was allegedly threatened with a handgun at Mattapan Station earlier this month, MBTA Transit Police revealed yesterday.

The victim allegedly told police that at 9 a.m. on Aug. 12, the suspect, described as a black man in his mid-20s, stole his cell phone then "pointed to his waist" and threatened to shoot him if he contacted police.

Transit Police said the victim told them he saw "the outline of a gun in the suspect's sweatshirt pocket."

On its official blog, Transit Police yesterday urged anyone with information to contact police, and suggested Apple and Android users use the MBTA's SeeSay mobile app to submit information anonymously. METRO

Dunkin' faces lawsuit for racial discrimination

CANTON. A New Jersey couple is suing Canton-based Dunkin' Brands for alleged racial discrimination.

Reggie and Amy Pretto filed a lawsuit in New Jersey Monday and accused the owner of Dunkin' Donuts of "systematic racial discrimination," according to the Globe.

The couple, who are former franchise owners, claimed they were steered by the company to open in poorer neighborhoods and were lied to about their profits.

Dunkin' said it could not comment because of the pending litigation.

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Two MBTA-related deaths in four hours

Two men were killed yesterday in separate incidents involving MBTA vehicles.

Around 6 a.m., a 54-year-old man, whom MBTA officials referred to as a "railroad trespasser," was hit by an inbound Commuter Rail train, about a quarter of a mile from the Lynn Station.

"It's unclear at this point why the 54-year-old man was trespassing on the railroad," MBTA Spokesman Joe Pesaturo said yesterday.

The Newburyport-Rockport Line experienced delays as a result of the accident.

The conductor was not cited for the incident.

Later, at about 9:40 a.m., a motorcyclist in Roxbury allegedly struck a RIDE van that was stopped at the corner on Walnut Avenue near Park Lane.

The van had no passengers in it, and the van driver, who was not injured, is an employee of Veterans Transportation, Pesaturo said.

TWITTER/@CRYSTALHAYNES

▶ Walnut Avenue was the scene of a fatal accident between a motorcyclist and a RIDE van.

Boston police, who are handling that investigation, said that victim was treated on the scene for life-threatening injuries before he was pronounced dead.

The RIDE provides door-to door transportation for people with disabilities.

Police said no violations were issued after the accident and the investigation is ongoing.

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U.S. Rep. skeptical of Green Line expansion project

State officials yesterday celebrated the planned rehab of a Somerville brownfield into what they hope will be the Union Square stop along the Green Line extension, but not without some skepticism.

"The Green Line extension is a top priority for Gov. Patrick and Lt. Gov. Murray. We're committed to making it happen," Transportation Secretary Richard Davey said at the former site of the Kiley Barrel facility.

But U.S. Rep. Michael Capuano questioned whether the project would be completed on time. "I'm willing to take a bet right now that there will not be a Green Line station here in 2017 ... I mean, they're making promises to everybody and I don't see how they can keep them all. I hope this is the top priority that they say that it is, but I haven't seen it thus far." SHNS

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By the numbers

▶ The experiment took place earlier this month.

100%

At 100% honest, Boston baseball fans ranked highest in the National Honesty Index experiment conducted by Honest Tea last week, compared to other cities' baseball fans.

$1

Boston participated in a national honesty experiment last week to find out what people will do when faced with the choice "to pay or not to pay" when no one is looking. Unmanned pop-up stands stocked with Honest Tea asked pedestrians for $1 for a drink. Some paid, some didn't.

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The city tied with four other cities to come in at No. 6 in the U.S.

93%

Men a little less honest? No way. Overall, Boston men were 93% honest, and women were 96% honest.

96%

Battle of the hair shades: Brunettes in Boston were 96% honest. Blondes were 91% honest and redheads were 100% honest. Not to be overlooked, bald men in were 88% honest.

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Best tomatoes judged at City Hall Plaza's Farmers Market

Nothing says summer like biting into a plump, juicy, sun-kissed tomato. At least that's how it looked yesterday at City Hall Plaza, as several bystanders reached under ribbon partitions that separated them from hundreds of Massachusetts' top-tier tomatoes.

The tempting fruits were there for the city's 28th Annual Tomato Festival and Contest, which kicked off Massachusetts Farmers Market Week.

Marie Hills of Kymball Fruit Farms in Pepperell said she has seen first-hand the love the Hub has for its farmers' markets.

"Taste is a huge part of it. People come out of their way to come to the farmers market. Why would you come, unless you know you are going to get fresh quality — it may not be the cheapest — but it is certainly the freshest quality," she said. "Most of the stuff we bring down is picked that morning. You can't get it any fresher. ... Look at the growth in the farmers market in Boston. It's been huge."

MORGAN ROUSSEAU/METRO

▶ Some of the winners

Mayor Thomas Menino said city officials intend to keep pushing a progressive farmers markets agenda

"Farmers markets also contribute to the economy. I travel around our city all the time, and I see many farmers markets that are packed with people, generating lots of sales for vendors," he said. "And those same people tend to hang out in the neighborhood and visit the local shops in the Main Street District. So farmers markets are a win-win enterprise."

The contest boasted hundreds of tomatoes of various colors, shapes and sizes. As eager farmers market visitors passed by, helping themselves to slices of summer fruit, it was clear that Boston has a taste for freshness.

Kymball Fruit Farms took home first place prizes for its tomatoes in both the Best Slicing Tomato category and the Weight category.

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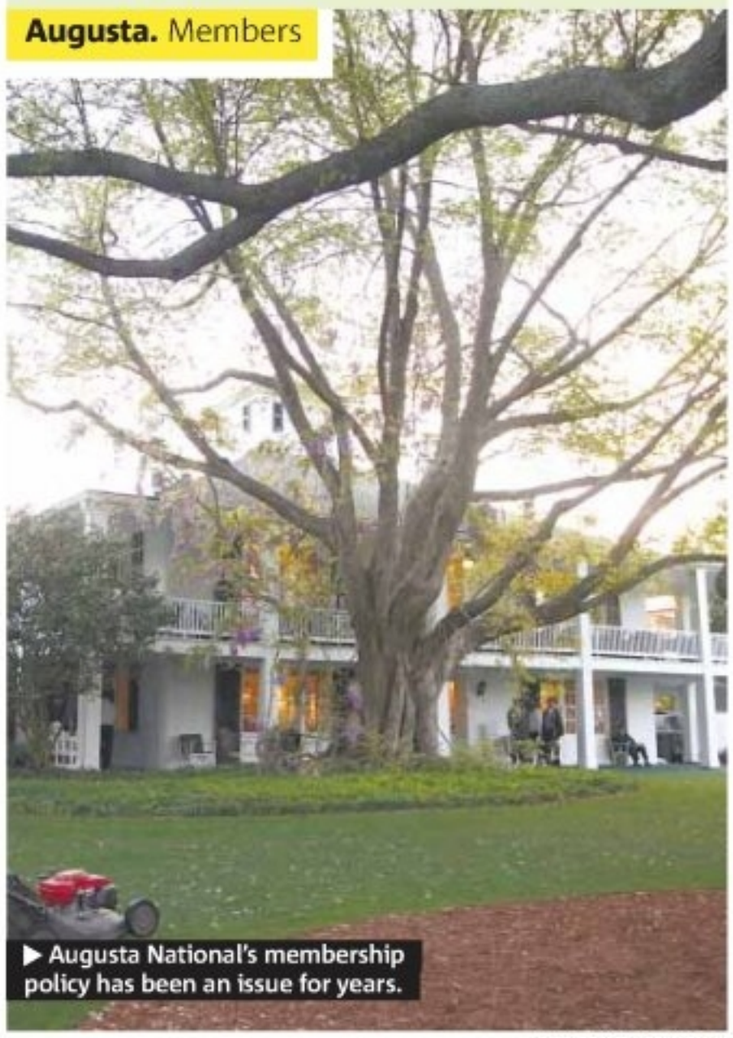

▶ Augusta National's membership policy has been an issue for years.

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Augusta admits first women

The Augusta National Golf Club, home of The Masters golf tournament, yesterday said it has admitted two women as members for the first time: former U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and financier Darla Moore. The Augusta, Ga., club's previous status as male-only has drawn criticism for years. Ahead of this year's Masters tournament, President Barack Obama weighed in on the matter, saying through a spokesman that he believed women should be admitted. REUTERS

GOP distance themselves from Akin rape remark

Mitt Romney and the chairman of the Republican platform committee worked to distance their party from a Missouri Senate candidate's remark that "legitimate rape" rarely leads to pregnancy.

The comment by Todd Akin, 65, a congressman who is running to oust one-term U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, a Democrat, quickly went viral on the Internet, sparking outrage from women's groups and Democrats and prompting him to issue an e-mailed retraction.

Romney sought to separate his campaign from the remarks, telling National Review Online that Akin's comments were "insulting, inexcusable, and, frankly, wrong," the former Massachusetts governor said. "Like millions of other Americans, we found them to be offensive," he said.

Akin's comments are receiving attention in a campaign where Republicans are seen as being hostile toward women. In the interview, Akin said abortion shouldn't be allowed in rape cases, in part because pregnancy was unlikely to result. "From what I understand from doctors, that's really rare," said Akin, who has served in the U.S. House since 2001. "If it's a legitimate rape, the female body has ways to try to shut that whole thing down." BLOOMBERG

'I misspoke'

- Retracting his comments in a statement, he said: "In reviewing my off-the-cuff remarks, it's clear that I misspoke in this interview and it does not reflect the deep empathy I hold for the thousands of women who are raped and abused every year."
- "Those who perpetrate these crimes are the lowest of the low in our society and their victims will have no stronger advocate in the Senate to help ensure they have the justice they deserve," Akin said.

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▶ Akin

Republican lawmaker skinny-dipped on Israel trip

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▶ Sea of Galilee

A group of Republican lawmakers and staff jumped into Israel's Sea of Galilee last year after a night of dining and drinking, and one freshman congressman swam naked, Republican aides confirmed late on Sunday.

The incident, first reported by Politico on Sunday, was investigated by the FBI and led Republican leaders in the House of Representatives to reprimand the 30 lawmakers on the privately funded trip.

Rep. Kevin Yoder stripped naked before jumping into the Sea of Galilee after dining and drinking at a waterside restaurant in the town of Tiberias, Politico reported, citing more than a dozen sources, including eyewitnesses. Other participants, including the daughter of another congressman, swam fully clothed, while some lawmakers partially disrobed, Politico reported. REUTERS

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Nicki Minaj the latest 'Idol' judge

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▶ All we want for Christmas is a list of Nicki Minaj's dressing room demands.

"American Idol" hasn't had any trouble replacing former judges **Steven Tyler** and **Jennifer Lopez** with high-profile stars. Shortly after **Mariah Carey** signed on, it looks like fellow professional diva **Nicki Minaj** will take a seat at the judges' table as well.

"I'm not sure the deal is completely done yet, but yes, she is definitely doing it," a show insider tells Us Weekly. "A few more slight things to sign off on but it is happening."

Our hearts go out to the hair, makeup and pillow-fluffing crews at "Idol" during this difficult time.

As long as they stay in Jersey

After **Snooki** and **JWoww** couldn't find a town to shoot their "Jersey Shore" spin-off in, Manchester generously took one for the team. But now, neighbors in the low-key Jersey suburb are complaining and attempting to stop production of "Snooki & JWoww," reports TMZ.

We feel you, Manchester, but as reluctant "Jersey Shore" experts, we think you're overreacting. These days, Snooks is about one Yankee candle away from landing a Lifetime series.

LaBeouf in the buff

Popcorn darling **Shia LaBeouf** might be in a little over his head with his latest project, avant-garde director **Lars von Trier**'s graphic "Nymphomaniac."

"There's a disclaimer at the top of the script that basically says, we're all doing it for real," LaBeouf tells MTV.com of the film's many sex scenes. "And everything that is illegal, we'll shoot in blurred images, but other than that, everything is happening. He's like the most dangerous dude that I've ever showed up for. I'm terrified. I'm so terrified."

You and everyone who made it through "Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen," Shia. You're in good, terrified company.

Phyllis Diller passes away at 95

▶ Diller

Comedian and actress **Phyllis Diller** died yesterday at the age of 95 in Los Angeles. She had recently suffered a fall and injured her hip, reports TMZ. Diller, who began her career in television in 1952, frequently collaborated with Bob Hope and is credited with paving the way for female comedians.

She continued to work until recently, making cameo appearances and performing standup in 2007 on "The Tonight Show."

In 2005, Diller was one of many comedians to put her spin — quite successfully — on an infamous dirty joke in "The Aristocrats."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

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Does anyone else imagine @DianeSawyer when they think of God? Maybe I just watch too much news.

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Red carpet hits and misses

1 **Kelly Osbourne**'s cotton candy hair was looking super sweet at VH1's "Do Something" awards in Santa Monica on Sunday.

2 Designer **Betsey Johnson**, 70, got way down in Los Angeles over the weekend.

3 **Jake Gyllenhaal** and **Gwyneth Paltrow** had some weird, beachy werewolf anti-chemistry at the premiere of their new film, "End of Watch."

4 After her Sunday night show, **Jennifer Lopez** surfaced in Vegas to remind us that she looks like this when off the clock.

5 Yes, **Cory Monteith**, **Lea Michele** does look pretty great in this dress. The "Glee" costars officially stepped out as a couple at the "Do Something" awards on Sunday.

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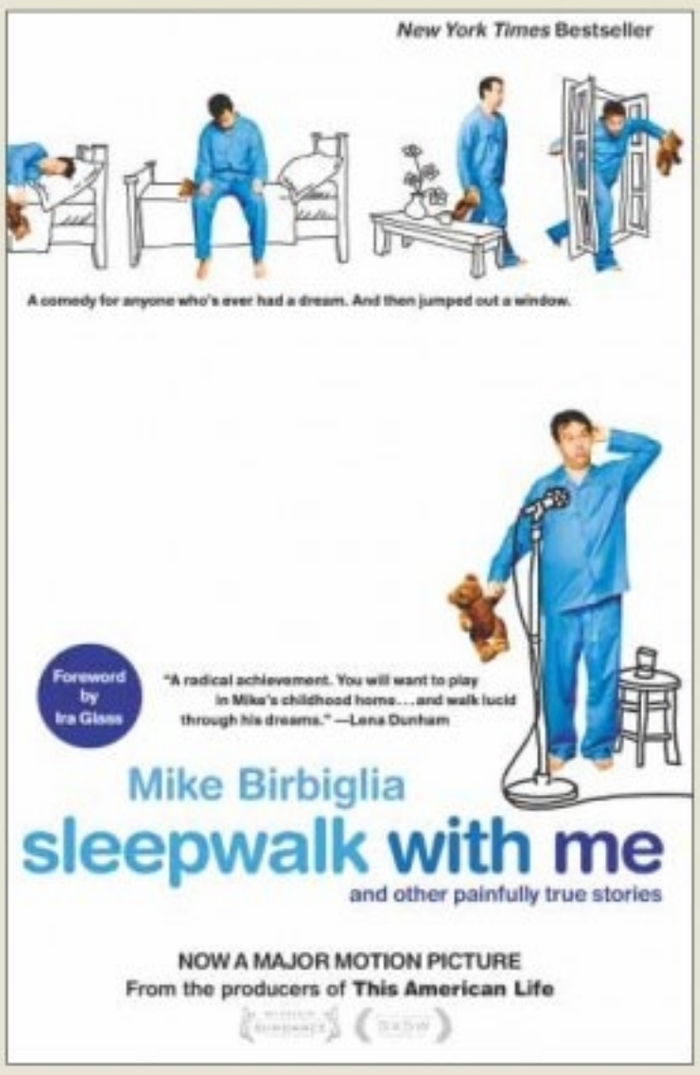
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Mike Birbiglia's make-out memories

Read the book that inspired the movie 'Sleepwalk with Me,' in theaters next Friday ● The new edition of the memoir is introduced by Ira Glass

Mike Birbiglia is a comedic Renaissance man, dabbling in many paths to produce laughter: film, theater, stand-up, radio and a book.

His 2010 memoir, "Sleepwalk with Me: and Other Painfully True Stories," has been republished with a new foreword by Ira Glass for the wide release of his movie of the same title.

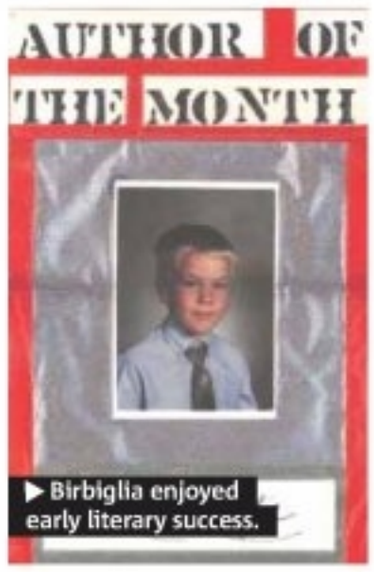
Birbiglia has Louis C.K.'s intrepid honesty, without the intense cynicism toward relationships. He has Demetri Martin's low-key personality and subtle delivery. And he has Jim Gaffigan's all-American appetite. ("I would marry pizza, but it would just be an elaborate ploy to eat her whole family at the reception," Birbiglia quips.)

For fans, the book doesn't contain too much new content, which is a blessing and a curse. Readers who are familiar with Birbiglia's two appearances on "Comedy Central Presents" and his extended special, "Mike Birbiglia: What I Should Have Said Was Nothing — Tales from My Secret Public Journal," will recognize the vast majority of his popular jokes. However, Birbiglia followers will enjoy seeing how his jokes translate from stand-up to text.

Although Birbiglia's style is often personal — sometimes uncomfortably so — he gains emotional traction by exploring his familial relationships to a greater extent than he has ever done in his stand-up.

From Birbiglia, expect depictions of awkward experiences that most sane people would strain to repress. What's best about the comic is that he looks his audience square in the eye, and then proceeds to detail his most embarrassing memories, from his first make-out session to his infiltration of a NASCAR focus group in order to snag some free cookies.

This is what makes "Sleepwalk with Me" so appealing — it's a no-holds-barred look into the psyche of an average guy, who, through his own modest nature, is exceptionally funny.



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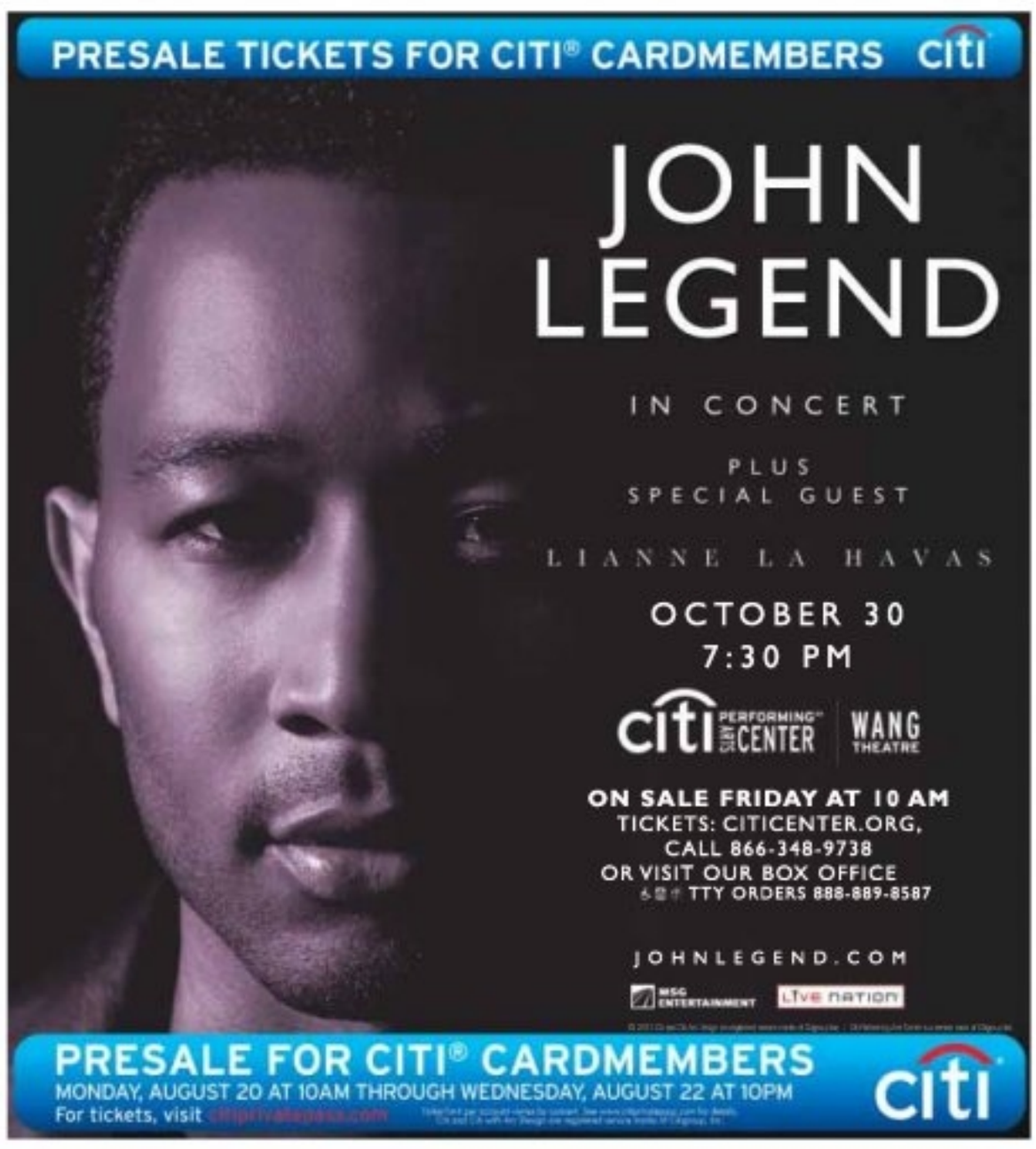

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The best special needs parenting advice I ever got

Hey moms and dads of special needs kids — what are the best words of wisdom you've received? We looked to Parents' Facebook page for advice from their readers Amazingly, not one involved vodka! Their tips

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Take time to celebrate achievements, big and small, with your child.

"Don't compare yourself to other people. You are the best parent for your child. That's why they picked you." **MEGAN**

"If you don't fight for your child's rights, no one else will!" **JAMILA**

"I have a little girl with Down syndrome. My mother told me when she was born, 'Science has shown you what is in Maria's Petri dish. Now you look to Maria to show you who she is as a person. Let her lead the way.' Best advice ever. There are too many stereotypes out there to weigh on and hinder children who have a 'diagnosis.' I have found that most of the time, these stereotypes simply do not apply."

Quoted

"Be consistent! If you tell them no, then stick with it no matter how big the fit is. Children are very smart!"
ADARA

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"Mother really does know best... If you think something is wrong and they are telling you everything is fine, trust your mother's intuition!" **CINDY**

"I grew up with a brother with autism, and now my daughter, who is two, has autism. My mother used to always tell us that no matter who you see, everybody is the same, but the qualities that we have separate us from others and make us each special in our own way. Thank you, mum, for that life lesson." **AMANDA**

"Celebrate every achievement, be it big or small!" **RACHELE**

"Never hold her back. I raise and treat her just like her brother. She may have a rare condition, but the rare condition doesn't have her or define who she is." **ALISON**

"We are a non-profit started by my son, who is a one-handed baseball pitcher for Greenville College. When he was an infant we frantically took him from hand doctor to hand doctor to try to figure out if anything could be done to help him gain a grip and why he was born missing a hand. The last and final doctor was at the Kleinert Hand Clinic in Louisville, KY. We came to terms with the fact that he would be one-handed forever. My husband rapid-fired, 'How will I teach him to...?' questions. Dr. Schecker replied, 'You won't have to teach him to do anything. He will teach you. He will amaze you. Don't call attention to his perceived limitations and neither will he.' SPOT ON!" **NUBABILITY ATHLETICS**

"Don't sweat the small stuff!" **ALYSSA**

"They will be as great as your expectations. Adapt for them but don't treat them any different than your other children. Also, don't forget your other children and your relationship with your spouse." **ADARA**

"My son has Down syndrome. I think the best advice was, have expectations, be realistic and celebrate the smallest things because they are HUGE accomplishments for him. And always remember, he is unique and he will get there on his own time!" **AMANDA**

"You are always going to have to be your child's biggest advocate and teach your child that everyone is different, so we all have to be proud of those differences because that is what makes everyone special!" **CARRIE**

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Obamacare not what you think it is

RE: "UNDER OBAMACARE, ELDERLY WILL SUFFER" (METRO, AUG. 20) If Mr. Sangenario wants to talk simply, he should stick to some facts rather than venturing off into fantasy fear-mongering.

President Obama's plan is to cut waste and fraud from Medicare. Paying subsidies to insurance companies who then spend less than 35 percent of that money on health care is what some people call waste. Using Medicare funds for health-related expenditures only is what Obama calls cutting fraud. What are people in favor of if they are against this?

Obamacare, or the Affordable Care Act, does not simply "cover" more people with tax dollars. The ACA brings in more people to the group of us who pay our fair share and cover our families with health insurance through private health insurance companies. Let's put fantasy aside and READ.

SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Akin has a hole where his heart, brain should be

Todd Akin's comments concerning "legitimate rape" prove the conservative attitude towards women's issues: They simply don't care about them! An estimated 30,000 women a year become pregnant by rape in this country. Abortion should be legal on that fact alone. Wealthy people aren't concerned if Roe vs. Wade is overturned or augmented. They would simply fly their loved ones to Canada and have the procedure there. Romney, Ryan and Obama can easily afford this for their daughters. Can you?

RICH BRITTLE, BOSTON

Gay rights sides not made equal

There's an important distinction that is not being made in this whole gay marriage/Chick-fil-A argument. If the pro-gay argument prevails, anti-gay people can and will continue with their lives unchanged and unaffected. If the anti-gay argument prevails, they will in fact be imposing their moral value judgments on the rest of us, with the full force of law behind them. They will effectively be condemning us to the legally-sanctioned status of second-class citizens. We pro-gay people would never dream of doing that to them. So, let's not pretend that the two sides are arguing from an equal footing, or with any degree of equality or respect.

GARY DAY, VIA E-MAIL

Done anything for your country lately?

What's the difference between Republicans and how many Democrats think? Here is the difference: When a Republican and a Democrat go out to lunch together, the Republican picks up the bill. The Democrat expects a free lunch and then questions if the Republican left a good tip for the waiter. Free food, free health care, free housing — is there no end?

President Kennedy said "ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country"! What happened? This is not the Democratic Party he would be proud of.

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Chores assigned to you won't be as burdensome as you might suppose. A little positive thinking on your behalf could considerably brighten your outlook.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is much more to life than merely its material aspects. If you allow yourself to dwell on what you don't have, chances are you'll miss out on the finer things available to you.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Doing things others think are much too difficult to manage will provide you with enormous gratification. You won't retreat just because of some challenging developments.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Make plans to get out with some of your friends and keep yourself busy. If you become too introspective or totally withdrawn, there's a good chance that depression will set in.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Be hopeful and positive, but also realistic — especially if you're involved in some type of new endeavor. You can't be too conservative when making projections.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You must not slack off, no matter how many difficult obstacles confront you in your pursuit of an important objective. Victory is achievable when you're tenacious.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Being too stiff-necked or uncompromising will severely limit your opportunities. Keep an open mind.

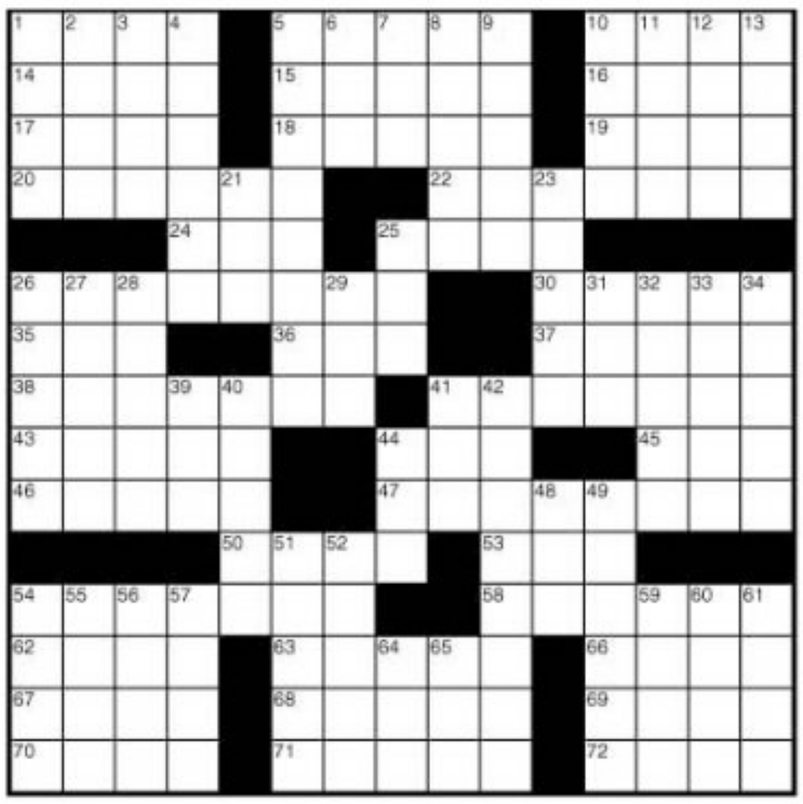
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Be exceptionally careful about volunteering to do something for another. There's a strong possibility that you could be getting in way over your head.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** It's a waste of time to attempt to win the support of someone who diametrically opposes your position. Work around this individual and seek out your allies elsewhere.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** "A day's work for a day's pay" is the motto that you should be most aware of. There aren't any free rides coming your way, but hard work will pay off well.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you like people so much, usually you do your very best to maintain a harmonious relationship with everybody. Today, you might have to deal with someone you're not ready to forgive.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Faulty methods or procedures will thwart you in your quest for accomplishment. The reason will be obvious to everybody, but you're unlikely to take any advice. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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European vacation (in North America)

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▶ No, it's not Europe. It's Quebec City!

Summer can get away from you if you're not careful. If you have some PTO left and haven't booked a plane ticket yet, a roadtrip to Quebec can be the perfect getaway. Visiting the nation to our north is like a European vacation without that pesky flight across the pond.

Montreal

Montreal could be the most vibrant, least intimidating city in North America. And it's all in how it's mixed. Residential areas sit in streets just behind main thoroughfares, and mainstream shops sit on the same blocks as secondhand stores, start-up art galleries and decadent nightlife destinations. For these reasons there's no such thing as a "bad area." The city is in love with art and its artists and constantly hosts citywide festivals. From now through September, 15 different festivals are scheduled, celebrating such diverse interests as literature, tattoos and pop music.

To do and eat: The best way to get around the city and see as much as possible is to use Montreal's enviably comprehensive **Bixi** system. With bicycles set up in 411 locations around the city (by comparison, Boston has 61), you're able to rent a bike and check out all the shops on the hill. There are too many top-notch restaurants to thoroughly examine within this space, but we highly recommend **Cafe Du Nouveau Monde** (www.tnm.qc.ca) and **Nora Gray** (www.noragray.com).

Quebec City

To see: If you visit Quebec City before the beginning of September, you'll have a chance to experience the outdoor cinematic art installation known as the **Image Mill**. Industrial grain silos become an enormous movie screen (98 feet high and 1,968 feet wide!). The multimedia presentation abstractly details the history of the region, something its people are well-versed in. The film is more rewarding if you learn in advance the intriguing details about why the people in this region speak French but have the Queen's face on their currency. The Image Mill is free, as is the city's **Cirque du Soleil** show, **"Les Chemins Invisibles,"** staged beneath a highway overpass.

To eat: A restaurant called **Le Cercle** (www.le-cercle.ca) in the city's Saint-Roch district is worth a trip off the beaten path. Entrust your tastebuds to the experts and order La Mania; the cooks deliver a multi-course meal based on what's in season, and the bar staff perfectly pair drinks with it. After dinner, head next door to Le Cercle's adjoining indie music venue.

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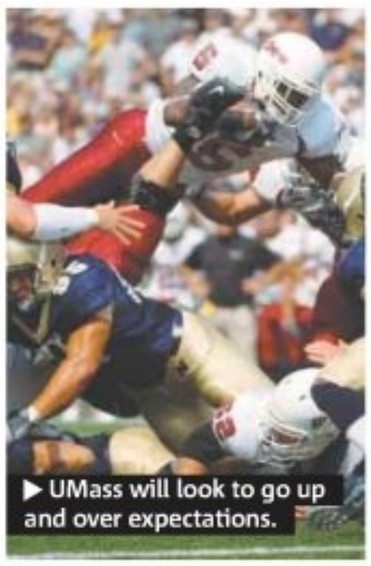
With UMass football moving up from D-1AA (FCS) to D-1 (FBS) this season and playing all of their home games at Gillette Stadium, they will begin the transition to “big-time” college football.

Numerous programs have made the transition to the FBS with no problems, and dramatically increased their attendance. The most notable school to do such was UConn, which moved into the FBS in 2002 and then began playing their home games at Rentschler Field in East Hartford during the 2003 season. UMass doesn’t want to be like UConn and other schools, however. Rather, they’d like to set a new standard.

“We are very unique,” said Jason Blanchette, UMass’ director of sales, to Metro Boston. “One of the challenges is that we are playing an hour and 45 minutes away from campus. You can’t really compare that to any other school. We are trying to put our own UMass flair to everything. We are not trying to be anyone else, we are just trying to be UMass.”

Prior to UConn’s upgrade, it played its home games on campus at Memorial Stadium and averaged 15,085 fans per game. The new stadium was a 25-minute drive from campus, but the program saw a dramatic attendance increase.

In 2003, the Huskies averaged 37,059 fans per game in a stadium that has a capacity of 40,000. Last season, playing their home games on campus at McGuirk Alumni Stadium, the Minutemen averaged 10,004 fans per game. This is a number that will need to be increased to meet goals and a standard set by the NCAA.



▶ UMass will look to go up and over expectations.

“Obviously, our goal right now is we need to meet the NCAA rules for transition average, which is 15,000 per home game this season,” Blanchette said.

With the Amherst campus being an hour and 45 minutes away from Gillette Stadium, attracting students could prove to be difficult, but Blanchette says it shouldn’t be a problem.

“Our students are excited,” he said. “I think they look at playing all of our home games at Gillette Stadium as one of the best college football venues in the country. A lot of students will make a weekend out of it. They have a lot of friends going to BC, BU and Northeastern, so they will get in the car and head out. We are also offering the opportunity for students to take a bus. They are excited about going to see top-level college football against teams like Indiana in the Big 10. We have never had that in the past, so they are really excited about it. I think especially that first game we will see a great student crowd.”

Quoted

“We would love to get 30 or 35,000 to that first game ... We want to make sure when (fans) are there, it will leave a lasting impression so they will come back for another game.”

UMASS DIRECTOR OF SALES JASON BLANCHETTE

Alumni will also play a major role in just how much the school will exceed their goals in terms of attendance, as they have been a major target for ticket sales. The biggest obstacle so far, according to Blanchette, has been UMass fans, and Western Massachusetts natives not being used to football being promoted so early. With all the challenges set with such a major move, the administrators can only do so much. Much of what determines whether or not fans will continuously come out and support the program comes down to the play on the field. The first home game against Indiana could have a significant impact as to what the remainder of the season will bring.

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UMass football

A look at the highlights of the schedule for UMass football as it transitions to the FBS.

- **at UConn 8/30:** The Huskies made the same transition a decade ago and wound up in the Fiesta Bowl by 2011.
- **vs. Indiana 9/8:** The first home game at Gillette doesn’t start until 3:30 p.m., giving fans plenty of time to “get ready.”
- **at Michigan 9/15:** They won’t get a win in Ann Arbor, but just being there legitimizes this process.
- **vs. Central Michigan 11/23:** Will fans still show up in chilly Foxboro in November?

Quoted

“We have received a tremendous feeback from (alumni). A lot of alumni are going to be doing their own tailgates the days of the games and we are going to have the CBS Scene be the UMass alumni fan spot.”

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Red Sox

Lost Season II
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Opinion

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WHY DOES THE NFL HAVE TO BE SO ARROGANT?

The NFL is the lump-less gravy train that will never run out of gravy. Its profits are through the roof these days and even the most loyal baseball fan will admit that pigskin a long, long, long ago replaced hardball as the national pastime.

Boxing, horse racing and, yes, baseball were once the Big 3 in this country, but two of the three have faded away over the decades, for one reason or another. It should be noted that the popularity of all three sports was, of course, fueled by gambling. Today, people in the U.S. love betting on football. Vegas estimated that $90 million was wagered on this past year's Super Bowl alone. People are spending money, people are making money and every Sunday in the fall and winter is a holiday in and of itself. The NFL is king and there is no sports prince. It can't possibly be this good forever. Can it? Well, we know for sure that there won't be any sharp drop-off anytime soon. But little-by-little, day-by-day, moronic decisions by the NFL owners and those in the league office will add up.

It would be a lot easier for all of us if the NFL owners and those in the league office just sat back and raked in the billions. Instead they constantly feel the need to tweak, obviously in an effort to (you guessed it) make even more green.

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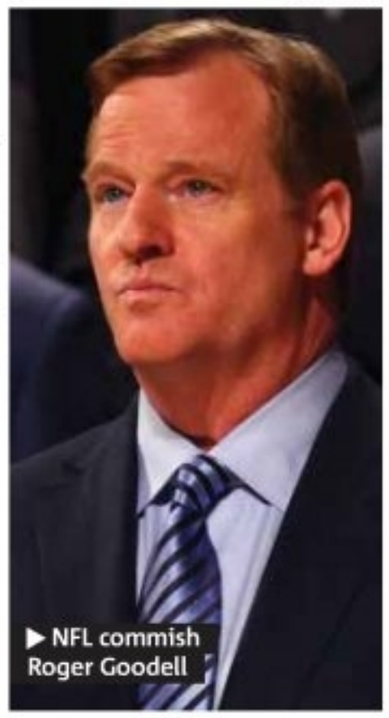

▶ NFL commish Roger Goodell

The dopiness started last year with the lockout, and is now happening in a less-publicized manner. The NFL wants to put the financial hammer down on its referees. It wants to save a few million dollars (truly chump change for them) by not paying the guys who make the game flow oh-so-smoothly each season.

The replacement refs have been horrifically bad this preseason, so much so that a strong rumor was floated yesterday by profootballtalk.com that the league was contemplating using a one-man officiating crew (simply to move the ball after penalties). The story, which was immediately shot down by NFL spokesman Greg Aiello, said that penalties would be called in the press box by league officials using video evidence.

Only the NFL could get away with even thinking about something so drastic and idiotic.

In fact, because of the perception that the NFL can do no wrong, there are plenty of people out there who think this foolish plan would actually be a good idea.

Look, our national pastime is not in trouble. Not even close. But if the NFL continues to think it can do absolutely no wrong, at some point its popularity will take a drastic hit.

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